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FM AMEMBASSY VIENNA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8251

INFO USDEL MTN GENEVA

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EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT, AU

SUBJ: AUSTRIAN ROAD TAX INCREASES

REF: (A) VIENNA 1818, (B) VIENNA 2219

1. ON MARCH 31, AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT ENACTED PROPOSAL FOR INCREASES IN ROAD TAX REPORTED REFTEL (A). DESPITE AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO TRADE MINISTER STARIBACHER (REF B) AND EMBASSY DEMARCHES, PROPOSAL WAS ONLY SLIGHTLY AMENDED AND STILL CLEARLY RUNS COUNTER TO JULY 4, 1967, EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

2. THE ONLY SIGNIFICAN AMENDMENT PERMITS AUTOMOBILES WITH PISTON DISPLACEMENTS OF MORE THAN 2000 CCS TO BE TAXED AT ONE-HALF THE NEW RATES AFTER HAVING PAID THE FULL TAX FOR THREE YEARS. THIS CHANGE IS INTENDED TO ASSIST THE LOCAL USED CAR TRADE. THE SAME AMENDMENT ALSO CUTS THE INCREASES IN THE ROAD TAX FOR BUSSES FROM 300 TO

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150 PERCENT. GERMAN TEXT OF THE LAW AND ENGLISH TRANSLA-

TION OF RELEVANT PORTIONS WILL BE POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT  
AND GENEVA.

3. A TRADE MINISTRY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT STARIBACHER  
WOULD BE RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR'S LETTER IN NEXT  
FEW DAYS, AND WE WILL REPORT FURTHER WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.BUCHANAN

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